

Teaching evaluations for GER 302: Advanced German, which I taught in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures as instructor of record at Washington University in St. Louis in Spring 2013

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

STUDENT EVALUATION OF MAIN SECTION

COURSE: L 21 302 01

INSTRUCTOR: Twitchell

SEMESTER: SP13

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1. What do you consider the strongest aspects of this course?

The amount of reading that students have to adapt to.

2. Please comment on the instructor's

a. clarity and organization

b. knowledge of the material

c. success in stimulating classroom participation

d. attitude and availability

e. fairness in grading process

a. Lesson plan was altered several times which was somewhat confusing, but otherwise ^{was clear.}

b. Very knowledgeable of the material. Can relate it to many outside topics as well

c. Some topics with the books were difficult to comprehend with the class, but overall the ^{was usually good participation.}

d. Very cheerful and always ready to engage class.

e. Grading is clear and fair. Rewrites to average the grade is very good.

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

Slow the pace of reading at the beginning of the semester.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes, very much. It is a great stepping-stone to 400-level courses,

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

a. the **instructor** – (circle one)

excellent

very good

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fair

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b. the **course** – (circle one)

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the writing assignments, as well as the readings

2. Please comment on the instructor's

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- b. knowledge of the material

- c. success in stimulating classroom participation
- d. attitude and availability
- e. fairness in grading process

- a) there has been some confusion, but Corey was flexible and alleviated students' & problems.
- b) Could not be better! His knowledge of the language and the studied books was remarkable
- c) He did a very good job
- d) positive, accommodating, helpful
- e) no complaints

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

Maybe try to introduce the 'writing improvement' class earlier in the semester. I feel that we did ~~it~~ it rather late. Also, Corey should be stricter in ~~giving~~ giving us questions ~~for~~ on the ~~the~~ readings. ~~They~~ (and checking if we do them) they were very helpful.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes! Yes! Very interesting, educating and helpful

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

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I found the chosen readings to be a very good survey of different aspects of German literature & culture. They were good for furthering knowledge & skills in reading & writing the language.

2. Please comment on the instructor's

- a. clarity and organization
- b. knowledge of the material

- c. success in stimulating classroom participation
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- a. Organization occasionally a small problem, but the class played its part in causing it as well.
- b. Very thorough knowledge
- c. Varied by day - generally very good
- d. Very positive, helpful, always available to help
- e. Very flexible/fair with grading, without making it easy

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

I think the course is fine as is.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

The course has been very useful, my writing skills have improved greatly in German, and my speaking and listening have also benefited, although to a slightly lesser degree.

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

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- discussions of the novels
- feedback from essays

2. Please comment on the instructor's

- a. clarity and organization
- b. knowledge of the material

- c. success in stimulating classroom participation
- d. attitude and availability
- e. fairness in grading process

a) tried to fit too much material into one semester but appropriately adjusted

b) Very knowledgeable

c) usually good, but sometimes the class gets silent when they get lost

d) always available and friendly

e) very fair grader and is willing to give the students as much time as possible to do their best job

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

Different choices in literature, they weren't very interesting which made them harder to read/get excited with them

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes, I would recommend it to anyone trying to increase their knowledge in the German language

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

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The amount of literature we are exposed to

2. Please comment on the instructor's

- a. clarity and organization
- b. knowledge of the material

- c. success in stimulating classroom participation
- d. attitude and availability
- e. fairness in grading process

A) very good

B) excellent

C) excellent

D) excellent

E) excellent

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

Maybe incorporate a poetry section, something that you can really sink your teeth into without skimming over, or ~~maybe~~ reduce the amount of reading by one book so that we don't miss out on a more thorough understanding of a text; also speak more German

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes, yes

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1. What do you consider the strongest aspects of this course?

- really gets you reading at a much higher level and also improves writing in German dramatically

2. Please comment on the instructor's

a. clarity and organization - SUPER!
b. knowledge of the material - Excellent!

c. success in stimulating classroom participation
d. attitude and availability - very good!
e. fairness in grading process

quite!
↳ very fair!

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

- TAKE MORE TIME TO DISCUSS THE TEXTS.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

ABSOLUTELY.

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

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- Discussion and study of literature.
- Writing improvement

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d. attitude and availability

e. fairness in grading process

a) Good, but many small schedule changes (mostly the classes go on)

b) Great!

c) Pretty good.

d) Funny and often available

e) Fair.

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

Not that I can think of, although I always like watching movies!

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes and Yes. Especially for people who want to improve writing.

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Carey kept discussions lively and was always able to keep my attention by virtue of his own passion for the texts and love for the language.

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- a. great
- b. great
- c. great
- D. great
- e. great

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

I suppose at this level (302) I feel as though I have a very good grasp on grammar. I wish we, instead of or in addition to grammar quizzes, had vocabulary quizzes. Often when trying to articulate a point in class I found I did not have the vocabulary.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes, I certainly would recommend this course. My ability to confidently read German has grown.

5. Considering everything, how would you rate:

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The hilarious instructor and the variety of literature discussed.

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Corey is fabulous! He's not the most organized person ever... but he has such a vast array of knowledge and imparts it in such a fun & fascinating manner. He is always in a good mood and feel that he's a pretty fair grader.

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

*Perhaps ~~less~~ books & more discussion
fewer in-depth*

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

Yes!

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focusing in on reading and writing helped improve those skill

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a. the syllabus got changed a lot which was kind of confusing, I w never really sure what was due when

b. good

c. good... but sometimes he would talk ~~to~~ too much and we didn't have as much of a chance to discuss

d. good

e. good

3. Would you like to see any aspect of the course changed? If so, what and why?

I feel like there was too big of a leap from 301 to 302. This semester was constantly rushed to try to get through all the books we were reading. I would probably take out two of the books to make it easier for students to keep up.

4. Do you think the course has been useful? Would you recommend it to others?

yes I would

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